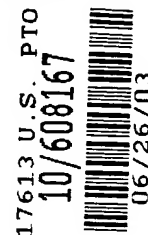




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- 2.] Specifications, Claims and Abstract (17 pages);
- 3.] Informal Drawings (10 sheets);
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